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THE TEAM.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

The baseball season of 1911 was unsatisfactory. But in judging the work of our athletic teams, one must be lenient, and fully cognizant of the difficulties which beset all our student activities. Although the team was decisively beaten in four games down south and once each by Union and Syracuse, we can find much satisfaction in considering that four of our defeats were by the narrow margin of one run.

While the result of the season was unsatisfactory, the playing of the team averaged far above that of any team representing Hamilton within memory of present college generation.

Cage practice, such as could be held in the limited room of the second floor of the gym, was started in the early spring to try out the pitchers and to give all the candidates an opportunity to limber up before the southern trip. Four pitchers showed up fairly well, no one of them apparently better than the others, but the chances of filling adequately this position from the four candidates seemed bright. Very little out-door practice could be obtained before the trip owing to the sogginess of the athletiic field; as a result the new candidates were given no fair opportunity to display their worth. Moreover, three of our best players were prevented from making the trip by faculty restrictions, and the substitutes selected were not at all comparable to the regulars.

Thus, with a patched-up and incompletely united team, we did not expect to defeat the strong southern teams whom we met. The game with

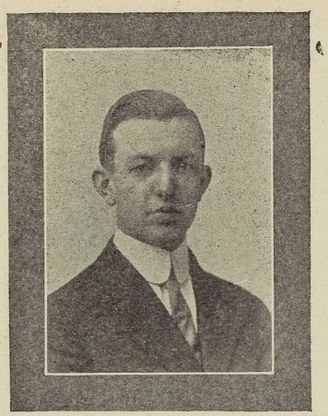
Delaware was close, but was lost by some headless work in the latter part of the game. The rest of the games were never in dispute; we were completely outclassed.

The aim of the southern trip was to afford practice to the players at a time when it is usually impossible to play ball in Clinton. The manager was compelled to schedule games with far superior teams in order to obtain sufficient guarantee money to make the trip reasonably successful financially. The southern teams had been playing ball for over a month and were then the equal of any college team in the country. Consider these facts in passing judgment on the result of the trip. However, if another southern trip be arranged, which is exceedingly improbable, the manager should use every effort to schedule games with smaller colleges. It does not pay to subject any team to severe defeats early in the season, nor is it pleasant advertisement to the college to have these defeats announced in the newspapers.

The first two teams met on the return of the team to Clinton were quickly disposed of. St. Lawrence was not so good as last year and Hobart was deplorably weak. Ogden, '14, pitched a good game against St. Lawrence and Royce, '14, showed fairly well in the Hobart game. Union came to Clinton and administered a sound trouncing by driving Ogden's pitching to all corners of the field. At Syracuse, Royce was batted hard in the first three innings and Syracuse gained a commanding lead. Rochester squeezed out a victory by one run in a finely played game, Ogden pitching well. Hobart was again easy. With D. Root pitching in fine form, Rochester was beaten on the campus. Union won a weird game at Schenectady after Hamilton had thrown away many chances to insure a victory. Colgate beat us two straight: the first, a finely played game of 13 innings, in which, again, Hamilton neglected excellent opportunities to win; the second they won by hard hitting.

To Summarize:

Colgate had a better team than ours, more superior than the result of the thirteen inning game would indicate; Union was a trifle better, but the other teams, supposedly our equals, we outclassed this year in ability, although Rochester did win the first game. If we may add a qualifying clause to the previous statement that the season was unsatisfactory, we



P. M. ALLEN, '11.
Captain Baseball.

shall say that the team more than equaled the expectations of the college. It was a good team.

Critique.

The team did not appear aggressive enough. Both regular practice and the warming-up preliminary to games were too often listless and the players lacked the smoothness and confidence with which the Colgate and Union players handled the ball. These faults can be remedied by thorough and active practice. We need a coach to instill this activity into the players. Capt. Allen did all that a captain

N. B. PRATT, '12.
Manager Baseball.

can be expected to do; the coach should be professional.

The hitting throughout the season was excellent—not so opportune as might be desired, but still heavy in comparison with that of teams representing Hamilton in the near past. No particularly favorable comment may be made on the fielding. It was so-so, often erratic, but all in all, better than usual. Capt. Allen's coaching in sliding and the ready acquirement of that art by most of the players made the term much superior to that of last year in this department. Advancing the runner is the primal object of baseball, and there were few instances in which good judgment was not used to effect this. The throwing of the infield seemed better than it really was, for Woods, on first, is so very capable that he recovered many throws ordinarily too wide to be fielded. No doubt, the infielders became careless. The outfielders, with the exception of C. Root, were all weak in throwing.

It is safe to state that the real weakness of the team lay in the pitching department. Ogden and Royce, both Freshman, and D. Root and Bagg, Juniors, but with little experience, all were given thorough opportunities in the box but no one of them proved consistently successful. Royce, Root and Ogden each pitched one very good game, but it would be difficult to pick the best man. Thus, with an independable pitching staff, the defense of the team, never brilliant in itself, was greatly handicapped and the sterling attack often offset.

Individual.

Capt. Allen is one of the best ball players ever at Hamilton. He combines a thorough knowledge of the game with excellent all-round mechanical ability. Probably his strongest point is his ability to grasp opportunities to advance when on the bases, so that, while not fast, he is the best base runner on the team. His hard swinging when at bat often causes him to knock the ball into the air, but many of these hits were so long that they fell safe. He does not cover a great deal of ground but is very sure. In the execution of his duties as captain, Allen should be commended. He made the men work as hard as men sure of their positions will work and he taught the team much baseball.

Sidle, regular right-fielder, improved greatly in his fielding and throwing,

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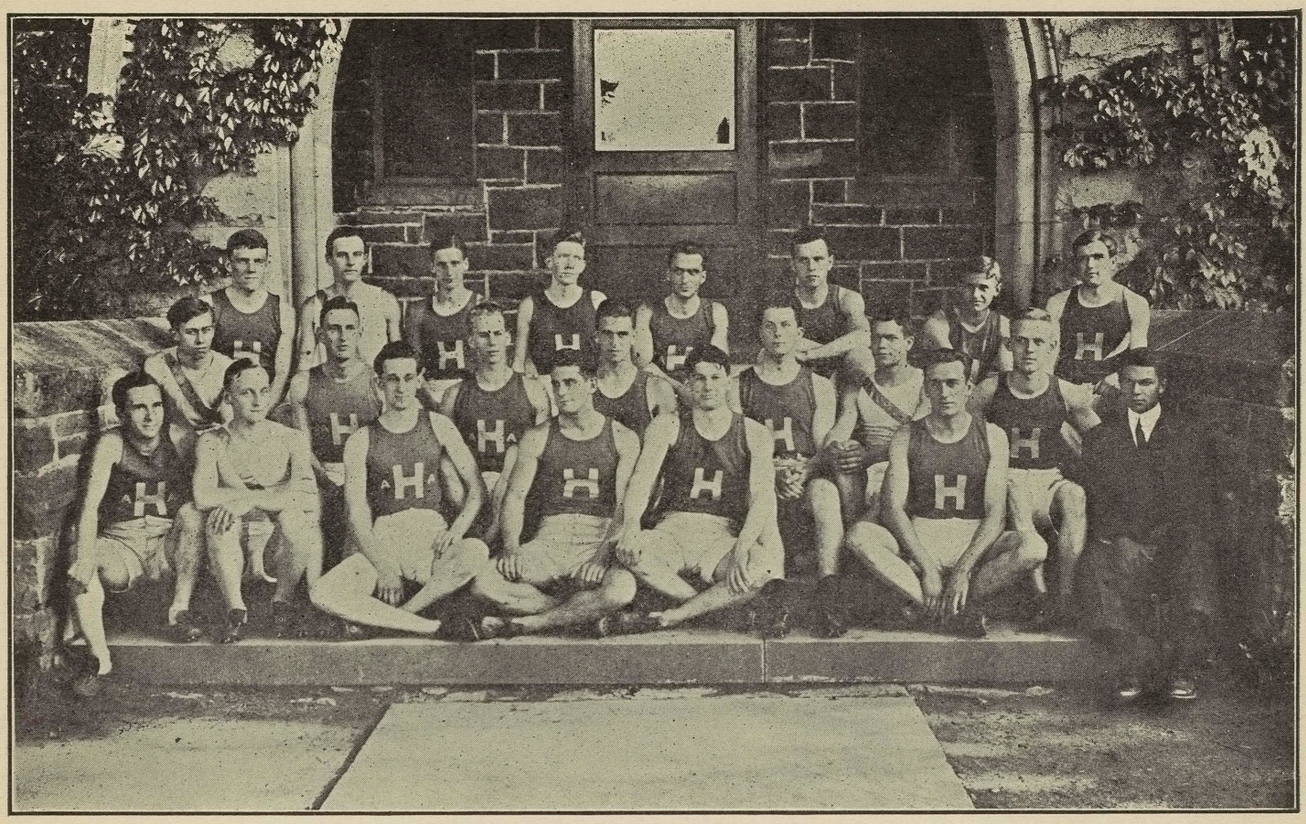

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A lack of second-string men prevented the track season of 1911 from being a success. There may not have been a dearth of material in College, but there were too few men who were willing to persevere in the daily drudgery of track practice. Hamilton had the nucleus of a remarkably strong team, but in the two earlier meets this nucleus practically constituted the team. The final meet brought out promising material, but it brought also the regret that this material had not been utilized earlier.

In the interclass meet, Captain Colson made the first new Hamilton record of the season, running the high hurdles in 15 4-5 seconds. The first intercollegiate contest was the dual meet with Union at Schenectady. This meet was a disappointment to those who had hoped big things. A 67-50 defeat in a dual meet is not encouraging. Wenigmann's versatile ability pulled up the score, as he won 21 points in five events. Eggleston, who had been going poorly in practice, surprised everyone by making a new college record of 10:15 in the two-mile. Weakness in the jumps, the pole vault and the middle distances cost us the meet.

The N. Y. S. I. A. U. meet at Rome Decoration Day illustrated the condition of the Hamilton team. Winning but one first less than Colgate, Hamilton finished forty points behind because she had no one to capture the second, third and fourth places. Colgate's big team took 70⅓ points, and Union just beat out Hamilton for second place 33⅓ to 29. Rochester took but 10.

Hamilton made the two most notable performance of the day, Colson's high hurdles in 15⅕ equalling the intercollegiate record, and Wenigmann's individual score of 15 points. In the 220, Wenigmann lowered the Hamilton record to 22⅗ seconds. Eggleston again lowered the two-mile making a mark of 10:11⅖.

The St. Lawrence meet was won by a much larger team than had scored points in the other meets. In the absence of Wenigmann every man extended himself further than he might otherwise have done.

Colson took the high hurdles and three second places. Eggleston easily won both distance events. Jessup won the hammer with his best throw of the season. Don Root left baseball practice long enough to win the shot-put. The big surprise of the meet was the pole vault, where Hamilton took three places. Lyon won the high-jump at a height of 5 feet 4 inches, which would have won points in any meet of the season. A 66-51 victory in spite of the absence of a star, was a very consoling close to the season.

Three men were conspicuous, Captain Colson, who made a new record in the hurdles; Eggleston, who was not beaten, and ran the two-mile in every meet under the old Hamilton record, and Wenigmann, who was the biggest point winner in both meets he entered, and incidentally broke a Hamilton record. These three were the back bone of the team.

Of the men responsible for the season's work, Colson justified his captaincy rather by his individual efforts than by his leadership.

Coach Roberts was vigorous and sat-

isfactory. He worked the men hard, paying more attention to results than to form.

Manager Peck was efficient. He arranged a good schedule and accomplished the trying task of successfully managing the N. Y. S. I. A. U. meet twenty miles away.

The season should teach Hamilton that she cannot expect victories from a three or four man team. A larger and more faithful squad is essential to successful track seasons. But on the other hand, the College cannot demand this work without square support. The attendance at the Intercollegiates and even at the St. Lawrence meet here on the Hill was pitiful. Track work probably offers less enjoyment to the participant than any other branch of our athletics. The balance may be made up by the enthusiastic support of the College. Till this is given Hamilton cannot demand track victories.

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but he was never certain. His batting was erratic for he was easily fooled by curve balls. He was a fine base runner.

Manion is a fair hitter, but lacked the fielding ability to earn a position.

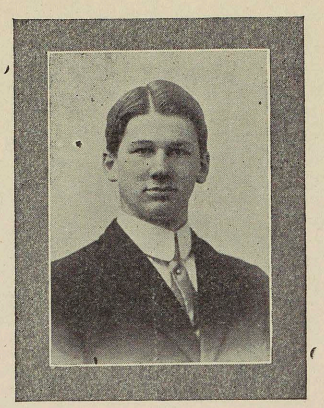
C. Root is probably the best outfielder in the group of colleges in Central New York. His throwing is so very sure that base runners take no chances when the ball goes to left-field.

Root's batting on the southern trip was very weak, but he approached his last year's form toward the end of the season. His is too apt to swing at wide balls.

Knox, the regular short-stop, did not play so well this year as was expected of him. His fielding was good, but he fell down greatly in batting. Knox and Hallock do not display enough activity around second base when it is occupied by a runner.

Hallock, at second base works very hard, but simply cannot grasp opportunities in fielding nor in base running. He and Woods let many grounders go between first and second. He is a weak batter and slow on bases.

D. Root took up 'Varsity pitching this year for the first time. He has tremendous speed, but he throws too much over the center of the plate. He developed a fair curve ball this spring, but should master the "slow ball" to alternate with his speed. He will be better next year.

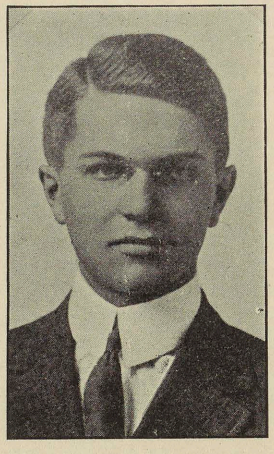


R. B. COLSON, '11.
Captain Track.

Watkins, Flagg, Ogden and Royce all tried the center-field, but not one of them could fill well the requirements.

Woods, at first, is very dependable. His long reach and sureness prevent many errors of infielders due to wild throws; but he does not cover enough ground in the field. He bats very well, has a wide knowledge of the game, and is, when all is said, one of the mainstays of the team.

Callahan's catching was not good. He is handicapped by his short stat-



C. S. PECK, '12.
Manager Track.

ure, but he drops altogether too many balls. His throwing to base was very erratic. It is doubtful whether he used must head-work in analyzing the weaknesses of batters and in handling the pitchers. He will improve if he studies carefully the requirements of his position. From a very weak hitter he became one of the best on the team.

Ogden and Royce, the Freshman pitchers, show much promise. Royce pitched splendidly on the southern trip, but was hammered hard by Syracuse. Ogden pitched finely against St. Lawrence and Rochester. We shall expect much of them when more experienced. Both are fair fielders and good batters.

Following are the averages of the men who played in five games or more:

Batting Averages.

	A. B.	R.	H.	P. C.
Allen	37	13	15	.406
Woods	44	7	15	.341
Calahan	41	7	13	.317
Root	45	10	14	.312
Sidle	38	10	9	.263
D. Root	23	3	6	.261
Odgen	24	3	5	.208
Knox	42	9	8	.191
Hallock	28	8	2	.072

Fielding Averages.

	P. O.	A.	E.	P. C.
Woods	93	3	2	.979
Calahan	76	24	5	.952
Knox	20	16	4	.900
C. Root	5	3	1	.888
Hallock	12	17	4	.879
Sidle	7	0	1	.863
Allen	15	16	5	.861
Ogden	4	15	5	.792
D. Root	4	9	5	.780

The Schedule.

At Newark—Delaware 4, Hamilton 3.

At Emmettsburg, Md.—Mt. St. Mary's 13, Hamilton 0; Mt. St. Mary's 14, Hamilton 3.

At Lexington, Va.—Washington and Lee 15, Hamilton 1; Washington and Lee 16, Hamilton 1.

At Durham, N. C.—Trinity College 11, Hamilton 1.

At Clinton—St. Lawrence 1, Hamilton 8.

At Clinton—Hobart 7, Hamilton 24.

At Clinton—Union 11, Hamilton 1.

At Syracuse—Syracuse University 18, Hamilton 6.

At Rochester, Rochester 2, Hamilton 1.

At Geneva, Hobart 3, Hamilton 11.

At Clinton, Rochester 4, Hamilton 8.

At Schenectady—Union 15, Hamilton 14.

At Hamilton—Colgate 3, Hamilton 2.

At Clinton—Colgate 8, Hamilton 3.